

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1069

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to thank Cathy Higgins for her honorable and astute service to the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those invaluable public servants who facilitate the legislative process by assisting members in their elected duties; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Higgins, House Director of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis, is one such estimable legislative employee, who is taking a much-deserved retirement this year after a distinguished career with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Higgins has provided leadership and expertise in providing detailed analyses of the State's budget and the status and condition of financing State programs as House Director of the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis; and

WHEREAS, she has played an instrumental role in examining and making recommendations on the fiscal effects of public policy decisions of the General Assembly and monitoring federal grants and information management; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her fiscal acumen and institutional memory, Cathy Higgins previously served as a member of the Joint Finance, Ways and Means Committee staff; and

WHEREAS, habitually working late during session, Cathy Higgins has grown inordinately fond of such gourmet foods as pizza and cheese, and she depends on the copious amount of caffeine in Diet Coke and coffee to help her through the day and night; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Cathy Higgins is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Jerry Higgins, who has been retired for years and is impatiently awaiting her retirement so they can play golf more together, and their two rescued dogs, Austin and Daisy, who travel with them but don't golf as of yet; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Higgins is recovering nicely from her recent dual knee replacement surgery; her speedy recuperation means that the links will be calling her name in the near future, as the family's vacations invariably revolve around golf, or at least include golf; and

WHEREAS, Cathy and Jerry Higgins have lately considered buying a motor home to make Austin and Daisy's travels more comfortable; and

WHEREAS, during her retirement, Cathy Higgins plans to travel throughout Tennessee to visit the small towns and historic sites that she has heard legislators boast about for years but has never been able to visit because she was working; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Higgins is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we thank Cathy Higgins for her honorable and astute service to the General Assembly, salute her illustrious career, and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness and golf, not necessarily in that order, during her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.